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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Amina J. Dickerson  
4 on the occasion of her retirement as senior director of global  
5 community involvement for Kraft Foods; and

6           WHEREAS, Amina Dickerson earned her master's degree in arts  
7 management from the American University in Washington, D.C. and  
8 was named to the university's Alumni Hall of Fame in 2005; she  
9 studied theater arts at Emerson College and holds a certificate  
10 from the Harvard University program in Arts Administration; and

11           WHEREAS, Amina Dickerson began her career with Kraft Foods  
12 in 1997 as Director of Corporate Contributions; during her  
13 tenure with the company, she led Kraft Foods' philanthropic  
14 activities through many changes; as director, she launched the  
15 Kraft Community Nutrition Program, a program that has provided  
16 more than one billion servings of fresh fruit and vegetables  
17 and has helped move produce to the #1 category of food  
18 distributed by Feeding America; she also oversaw the creation  
19 of Salsa, Sabor y Salud, a healthy lifestyles program that  
20 teaches nutrition and fitness education to the Latino  
21 community; and

22           WHEREAS, Previous to her appointment to Kraft, Amina

1 Dickerson held senior appointments for the Chicago Historical  
2 Society, the DuSable Museum of African American History, the  
3 Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum of Philadelphia,  
4 and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African  
5 Art, as well as numerous boards, panels, and consultancies; and

6 WHEREAS, Amina Dickerson currently serves as a board member  
7 of the Harris Center for Music and Dance at Millennium Park and  
8 as co-chair of the Peer Network for International Giving of the  
9 Donor's Forum of Chicago; and

10 WHEREAS, Amina Dickerson has been widely acknowledged for  
11 her work in promoting fitness and healthy eating; she was  
12 commended for her role as Vice Chair for the International  
13 Committee for the Council of Foundations; she was honored as a  
14 Chicagoan of the Year by the Chicago Tribune in 2005 for the  
15 partnership to advance jazz that she helped to initiate; she  
16 was also named one of 25 leading African American Women in  
17 Business by the Network Journal; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1996, Amina Dickerson served as a Distinguished  
19 Visitor with the MacArthur Foundation and was appointed a Class  
20 XVI Kellogg Fellow; in 2002, she was named Chicago's  
21 Professional Grantor of the Year; in 2004, she received the  
22 10th Annual Sor Juana Award from the Mexican Fine Arts Center  
23 Museum and a legacy award from eta Creative Arts Theater; she

1 was the recipient of the Timuel Black Award for Community  
2 Service from the Jazz Institute of Chicago in 2006; and

3 WHEREAS, Through Amina Dickerson's inspired leadership,  
4 Kraft Foods' Corporate Community Involvement program have  
5 become well known for its high quality philanthropy and its  
6 willingness to support the community through strong  
7 partnerships and commitment to quality; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
10 congratulate Amina Dickerson on the occasion of her retirement  
11 and wish her many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to Amina Dickerson as a symbol of our esteem and  
15 respect.